



## UMC Garner National Recognition For Surgical Outcomes

University Medical Center of El Paso joins 82 other hospitals across the country recently recognized by the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®) as having achieved meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care in 2017.

As a participant in ACS NSQIP, UMC is required to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and collect data that assesses patient safety and can be used to direct improvement in the quality of surgical care.

“This is a fantastic accomplishment, marking yet another milestone of excellence in patient safety and care,” said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO.

“We have come so far in raising the bar for the quality of care in our hospital, in our city and throughout the southwest region,” he added. “This recognition singles out UMC’s positive surgical outcomes and is something we can all be very proud of. Dr. (Alonso) Andrade, our NSQIP Surgical Champion, as well as Dr. Alan Tyroch (UMC’s Chief of Surgery and Trauma Medical Director, and Professor and Founding Chair of Surgery at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso), our nurses, techs and a focus on patient safety made this recognition possible.”



TTUHSC El Paso leaders also lauded UMC's recognition for achieving outstanding surgical outcomes, which is a reflection of its commitment to quality and its partnership with the school and its physicians. As part of the partnership, faculty members in the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine (PLFSOM) see patients at UMC.

"This recognition makes clear that at UMC El Paso residents have access to the best surgical doctors and care possible," said Richard Lange, M.D., M.B.A., president of TTUHSC El Paso and dean of the PLFSOM. "We are proud to have some of the best surgeons practicing at UMC and teaching students at TTUHSC El Paso."

The ACS NSQIP recognition program commends a select group of hospitals for achieving a meritorious composite score in either an "All Cases" category or a category which includes only "High Risk" cases. Risk-adjusted data from the July 2018 ACS NSQIP Semiannual Report, which presents data from the 2017 calendar year, were used to determine which hospitals demonstrated meritorious outcomes.

**UMC has been recognized on both the "All Cases" and "High Risk" Meritorious lists.**

Each composite score was determined through a different weighted formula combining eight outcomes. The outcome performances related to patient management were in the following eight clinical areas: mortality; unplanned intubation; ventilator > 48 hours, renal failure; cardiac incidents (cardiac arrest and myocardial infarction); respiratory (pneumonia); SSI (surgical site infections- superficial and deep incisional and organ-space SSIs); or urinary tract infection.

The 83 commended hospitals achieved the distinction based on their outstanding composite quality score across the eight areas. Seventy-one hospitals were recognized on the "All Cases" list, and 71 hospitals were recognized on the "High Risk" list; the 71 hospitals represent 10 percent of the 708 calendar-year 2017 ACS NSQIP hospitals. Fifty-eight hospitals were recognized on both the "All Cases" and "High Risk" lists, 12 other hospitals were on just the "All Cases" list, and 13 other hospitals were on the "High Risk" list only – yielding 83 hospitals in total.

## **UMC Unveils Stroke Monitoring Unit, Again Raises Standard**

UMC's Neurosciences Department gave El Paso even more to remember November 2018 than elections, Dia de Los Muertos festivities and Thanksgiving holiday. It was the month that stroke care reached another milestone with the unveiling of a new Stroke Monitoring Unit (SMU).

The new unit opened Nov. 1 and complements El Paso's only Joint Commission certified Comprehensive Stroke Center at UMC. The Stroke Monitoring Unit again puts patients' needs at the forefront of our region's healthcare. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO, understands this and is consistently looking for ways to lead the charge in advancements of care to our patients. "The

addition of the Stroke Monitoring Unit is crucial to the continued care offered through our amazing Neurosciences Department. This bolsters the already high-level of stroke care found only at UMC.”

The SMU is designed to help patients with post-stroke rehabilitation and can also help with patients that are showing early symptoms of having a stroke.

Carla Escobar, nurse manager of the Neuro ICU unit, mentioned the importance of both the SMU and being a Level 1 comprehensive stroke hospital, “With strokes, seconds can be the determining factor between life

and death. If anyone is showing signs or symptoms of a stroke they should be immediately brought to UMC, where the standard of care we offer is at the highest level of standards and certification.”



## Annual Costume Contest Entertains, Thrills Oct. 31

The crowd was loud and the costumes were, again, unique and creative at the 2018 UMC Costume Contest in the UMC Cafeteria Oct. 31. Associates who took part or came to watch the fun, found that UMC’s Costume Contest is never a trick and always a treat.

### **Congratulations to our Individual Contest Winners:**

1st place: Fiona, J Gandra - Information Technology

2nd place: Rozie, Kristelle Woods - Quality Management

3rd place: Forest Gump, Phil Arnold - Food Services

### **Congratulations to our Group Contest Winners:**

1st Place: If T-Rex Had An Instagram Account, Care Management and Oncology Navigator

2nd Place: Witches and Warlocks, The Shop Around the Corner



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Group Contest Winners "If T-Rex Had An Instagram Account"



### **Congratulations To Our Pumpkin Carving Contest Winners:**

#### Judges' Vote:

- First – “Be Owsome,”  
Submitted by:  
Pharmacy Drug Assistance Program
- Second – “Dia De Los Muertos”  
Submitted by:  
Human Resources
- Third – “Wizard of Oz”  
Submitted by:  
Care Management

#### Popular Vote:

- “Be Owsome,”  
Submitted by:  
Pharmacy Drug Assistance Program

### **About The Pulse:**

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